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63—The Repair Men

For months the garage door had been in need of repair in the home of a missionary family. Every time it was opened, the wind would blow it onto the top of the car, damaging the paint work.

The local council, whose job it was to repair it, had sent two different inspectors to "weigh up" the job, but then failed to keep two appointments to carry out the work. Their final word seemed to be that the door could not be fixed, and that this family would need to purchase a new one. Finally, one day the father said half-jokingly to his son, "The Lord is going to have to send angels around to do the job!" Well, the Lord must have taken him at his word, because what happened next was out of this world!

Early the next morning, a very sweet, humble man with a strong Irish accent knocked on the front door. He apologized profusely for disturbing and asked if he could have a look at the garage door. The council men always knocked on the back door as that is where the street was. No one would knock on the front door! The father led this man to inspect the garage door along with his companion, who had seemed to appear from nowhere. The first man then asked when it would be convenient to carry out the repair and said that the father could name any day and time.

With huge smiles on both their faces, the two men then left. The father said he always noticed that the council workmen were rough, ill-mannered men, and that they never arrange their own appointments, but were given appointments by the head office, so all this seemed very unusual to him.

On the day arranged, the two men arrived exactly when they said they would. Then, in sub-zero temperatures and in the midst of a howling blizzard and deep snow, they proceeded to set up a generator and drill through inches of solid steel in a matter of minutes.—The job which previous council inspectors had said was impossible was completed in 20 minutes!

The men then offered to push the family's car back into the garage, to save the father from having to come out into the cold! Two weeks later a "regular inspector" from the council came around to their house, asking if he could examine the garage door in preparation for repairing it!

When the father told him that the job had already been done, he was very puzzled and said that nobody from the council had been sent out to do the job, especially as the final inspection had never been carried out!

Who were the men that fixed it? They must have been sent by the Lord!

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."

(Deuteronomy 28:2)

"And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Surprise Concert



64—Surprise Concert

My husband teaches music part time at a music school, and he loves music. He thinks about it. He writes it. He teaches it. He composes and produces it.

There was a concert he found out was going to be playing--one that he really wanted to go to, but it was pretty expensive. He went to work that day to teach piano.

On his way out of the building to come home, someone came up to him and said,

"I have these two tickets [to the very concert he wanted to go to]. Would you like to have them?" That was a very special, unexpected gift from Jesus, and he was very happy and took the tickets and was able to go with a fellow musician friend. He hadn't mentioned it to anyone at work that he wanted to go to the concert. Jesus knew and worked it out. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20)

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

(Psalm 118:24)

Footage of Feet

65—Footage of Feet

I saw a very interesting and inspiring video recently. It was a recording from a security camera in a shop in Brazil.

Someone came into the shop hobbling on crutches. There was a man in the shop that had learned about Jesus and how much He loves to answer prayer and heal—and can heal anything, right away! This man felt God wanted him to pray for the handicapped man, so that he would no longer need to hobble around and be in pain, but could walk freely. So the Christian man knelt down in prayer and laid his hands on the feet of the handicapped man.

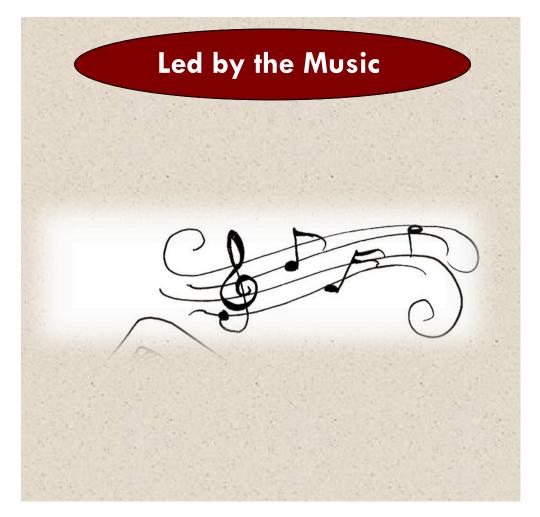
The security camera video footage doesn't show things in bright colour, nor the sound. But what did show was pretty amazing.

After being prayed for, the one with the crutches does not need them anymore, all of a sudden. He is able to walk out of the shop, as happy as can be! "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

(2 Corinthians 3:17)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

(Romans 8:14)



66—Led by the Music

Our eldest son had not known where his whole pack of classical music went. He really missed it, as he listens to it a lot. A few months passed and we didn't know where it could have gone.

One day his daddy was napping and when he woke he seemed to be hearing the music of one of the CDs. He just followed it—half in his mind, but seeming real too, being led by the Lord, and bingo he found the pack of CDs!

They were in one of the several drawers that usually only has puzzles, and we didn't think to look through them. That was a happy day! "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

(Romans 14:19)

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

(Isaiah 30:21)

The Little Bird



67—The Little Bird

Some children lived near a forest. In the spring, the flowers were blooming. They liked to pick the flowers.

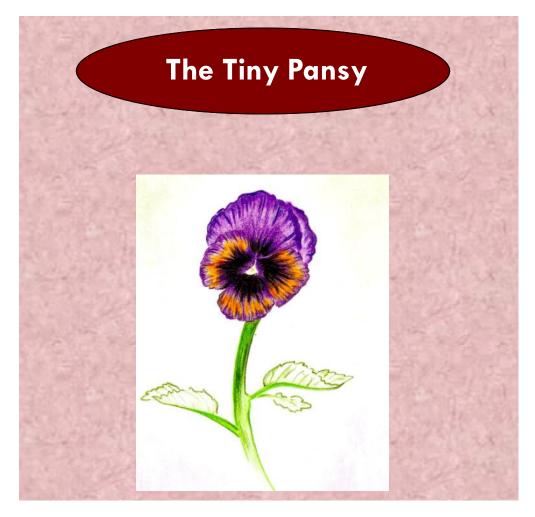
One day they walked into the forest to pick flowers. But the children went too far. They didn't know how to get back home. What should they do?

The older sister remembered what their mother had told them, "If you ever need help, just ask Jesus and He will help you!" So the children knelt down and prayed for Jesus to help them find their way home. After they had prayed, a little bird hopped down on the ground nearby.

One of the boys wanted to hold it and reached out to pick it up. The bird seemed so friendly. But the bird kept hopping forward! The children began to follow it. It was a fun game.

After a while, the children looked up and saw they were out of the forest. They could see their house! Jesus had sent the bird to lead them home. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:22)

"Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am." (Isaiah 58:9)



68—The Tiny Pansy

On a walk I saw by the side of the road the tiniest, cutest little pansy. It was adorable. I'd never seen this miniature version of pansies before. I picked it and held it carefully all the way home.

The blossom was no bigger than my fingernail, and the stem only as long as my finger. I placed it in a paper cup on my bedside, trying to extend its expected short life as much as I could. A week passed and it still sat there in the water as good as new, cheery and bright. I was happy. Then the most curious thing occurred—a "never before, never since" thing. From its tiny stem there were roots growing. Roots, that in a short time only got longer and stronger.

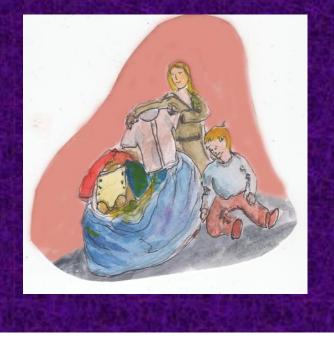
I planted it in a flower pot, and with joy saw it grow into a plant with many other blossoms.

This little flower encouraged me and showed me in a special way that Jesus loved me and would keep my life blossoming too. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalms 118:1)

"For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him."

(Psalms 103:11)

Baby Clothes



69—Baby Clothes

This story happened a long time ago when there were no shops then that sold readymade clothes for children. Rosalind, Jonathan and their children were missionaries in China.

One time they needed to take a long trip on a steam ship to return to Canada for awhile. This family didn't have sufficient clothes for the journey.

All the clothes they needed would have to be sewn by hand. But Rosalind had no sewing machine, so she prayed for God's help.

Knock, knock!

Two ladies were at their door. They offered to help Rosalind sew clothes for the children.

They worked hard and most of the clothes were finished in a few days, just in time to get on the steamer.

Baby Wallace still needed clothes, so Rosalind planned to sew them while on the steamer.

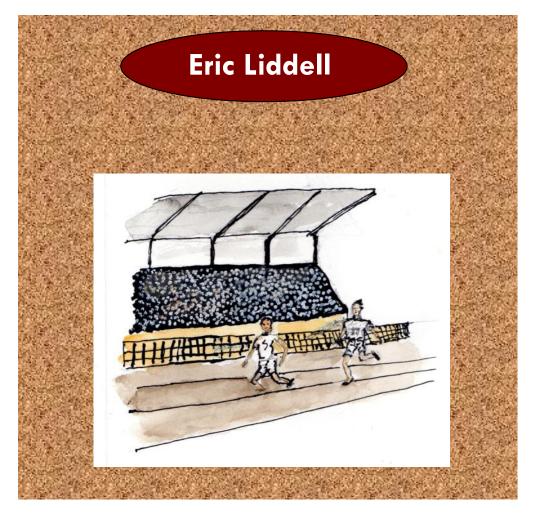
She would have to wake very early in the morning, or stay up late at night to do it, but she got too tired. Rosalind prayed for the Lord to help her. Half an hour later, when they had stopped briefly in Japan, a big bundle was tossed onto the steamer for Rosalind.

It was sent to her by a lady that Rosalind had never met. It was full of baby clothes and supplies, just perfectly what was needed! "I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place."

(Psalms 118:5)

"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."

(Psalms 143:10)



70—Eric Liddell

Eric Liddell was a Scottish young man. He was born in China, as his parents were missionaries there. When he was a growing young man he lived in Scotland.

He liked to run, and he could run very fast. He won many races. More than liking to run, Eric loved Jesus very much.

Eric spent time with the Lord each day, and he also kept one day each week extra special, for rest and prayer, Bible reading, and time with the Lord. Eric told people he would not compete in races on Sunday, as it was the day he gave to the Lord.

One time an important race was held on Sunday, and people thought for sure Eric would participate. However, Eric kept his promise to the Lord, and spent time with Him instead of racing.

God blessed him for this, by doing a miracle for him. The next race he entered he ended up having to run in the outside lane.

It is the hardest lane to win in, because he could not see the other runners, but just had to run as fast as he could. Then, just several strides into the race Eric was knocked to the ground. But he didn't give up. He got up again and kept running.

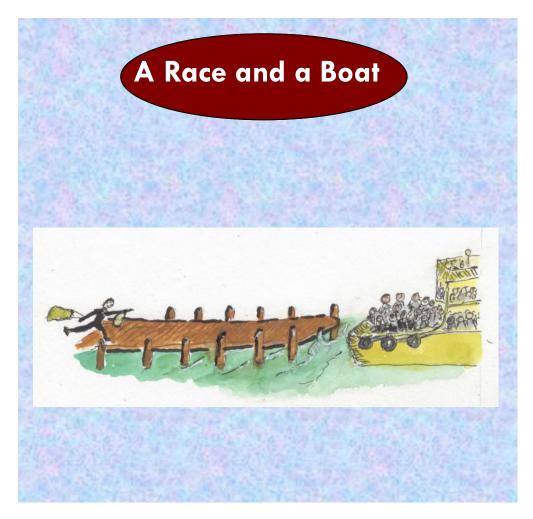
It might have seemed impossible for him to win with the other runners getting far ahead of him. But He prayed and tried his best. Then, with God's help, during the last half of the race he miraculously ran even harder and faster than ever.

He ran so fast that he passed up all the other runners and he won the race! He was six yards ahead of anyone else when he crossed the finish line! "The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down."

(Psalms 145:14)

"The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

(Habakkuk 3:19)



71—A Race and a Boat

Eric Liddell became famous in several countries in Europe for his skill in sports and speed in running. He used the opportunities it brought to travel around and tell people about Jesus.

Eric then decided to leave the fame and sports in Europe to go to be a missionary in China. He went to the place where he was born.

In China he travelled by foot or on bicycle to many rural areas that were difficult to get to, showing and telling people about Jesus' love.

Sometimes to make people happy he participated in races as well. They liked to see just how fast he could go.

One time a crowd begged him to run a second race, after he'd won the first one.

They didn't know that the boat Eric was to go on was about to leave.

Eric trusted God to help him catch his boat, and chose to make the people happy by running the next race as well. He ran the race and won it, but afterwards needed to stand and wait respectfully while the national anthem was sung.

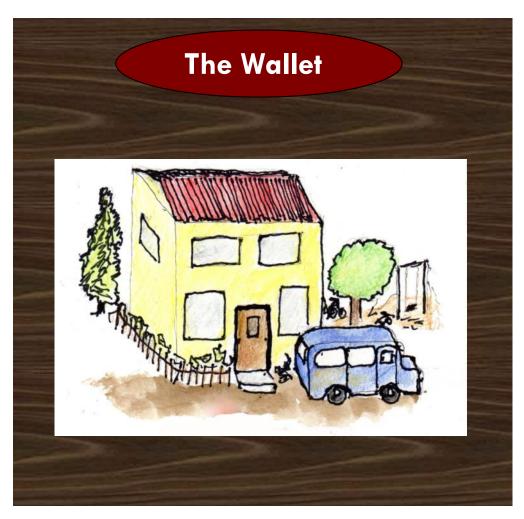
Finally, he could rush in a taxi to catch his boat. Eric ran out on the wharf, but the boat had already started to leave. However, just then God sent a wave to bring the boat back over to him. He threw his bags on the boat and made a big leap into it. He made it safely onto the boat.

God helped him because he was kind to the people of China.

"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:20)

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

(Psalms 37:5)



72—The Wallet

Two families were travelling together in a van on a long trip. They were first going to stay the night at a friend's house before driving to a distant city to sell the van and move to a new country. The driver had the necessary van papers in her wallet.

When at the friend's house, one family stayed the night in a guest room in the attic. The other family stayed in a room on the ground floor, three floors down.

The mother staying in the attic room was doing some repacking, before leaving in the morning.

She quickly dumped out onto the bed the contents of one bag that included the important wallet, and put everything into a different bag.

However, she didn't notice that the wallet with the van papers in it had fallen and gotten lost behind the bed.

After they left the house and had been driving for about half an hour, the mother of the other family noticed that her small handbag was missing. They had to drive back to their friend's house and search for it.

At last it was found stuck deep behind the cushions of the sofa. It had fallen there when they had first entered the house the day before, and stayed there that whole time.

Again they set out on their trip. Many hours later, the driver, who was going to sell the van, looked into her bag and discovered, to her dismay, that the wallet with the van papers was not in there.

It was lost in the attic. Oh dear!

Without it they would be unable to sell the van; yet they didn't have time before selling the van to go all the way back to the friend's house to look for it. The families prayed for the Lord's help. Then a little girl got an idea to look in the purse that was lost, the one they drove back to find. Perhaps it was in there?

Even though it seemed impossible, to their great surprise and joy the wallet with the van papers was in it!

God must have had an angel move the wallet from its unnoticed place in the attic and put it in the purse downstairs. Everything worked out well! "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

(Psalms 34:15)

"The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

(Psalms 34:17)

Invisible Umbrella



73—Invisible Umbrella

During the monsoon season in Indonesia, it can rain and rain for many days without stopping.

It would be difficult, cold and wet for people to walk in the pouring rain for many hours to go to another town. However, the travelling team going to tell others about Jesus didn't stop because of the rain.

Instead, they prayed for God to keep them dry as they went out. God said He would supply all that they needed, and they had faith that He could do this. Then, as they began their journey, God must have put an invisible umbrella over them, as the rain didn't fall on them or get them wet.

They stayed dry as they walked, although their feet got very muddy on the wet dirt pathways.

Those in the village that they travelled to talk with saw an amazing sight: A team of people had come to talk with them about Jesus, yet after walking so many miles in the pouring rain, they were still dry. Some of the people thought they must have used umbrellas or raincoats, but when they looked around they saw none.

The team of missionaries told them that God had kept them dry because they prayed. "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." (Psalm 91:4)

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." (Psalms 28:7)

Linda's Watch



74—Linda's Watch

Linda had a watch that she really liked. One day it went missing. She looked everywhere in her small cottage for it. It was nowhere to be seen. She tried cleaning and tidying every corner and nook in the little house, but still she didn't find it.

Perhaps she would have to buy a new one, Linda thought. But she knew it would be hard to find just the type of watch that fit her right and that she liked. So instead, she prayed for the Lord to return her watch to her—the one she liked so much. She knew that no request is too small for Jesus to answer.

One day, Linda went out on the front porch for a second, and then came back inside. When she entered the room, to her surprise, there in the middle of the room, on a stool—a stool that normally is NOT in the middle of the room—was her watch! She could hardly believe her eyes.

Linda knew an angel had found the watch and placed it there for her to see.

Later on, the plastic watchband broke, and she didn't know if she would ever find a new band that would fit just right. But only a couple of days later, she walked into a shop and saw that on a table were several different types of watchbands for sale, for very cheap prices.

Linda found one that fit on her watch. The clerk at the shop then helped her to put the new watchband on her watch. At first it seemed hard to do, yet the lady clerk was kind and patient and kept on trying. The Lord must have been telling her not to give up.

When Linda prayed, the lady was able to finally get the band on the watch.

Linda was very happy!

"The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer."

(Psalms 6:9)

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18)

Clean Clothes



75-Clean Clothes

Mel was a man who had faith that God would care for him and supply all his needs. He was a native missionary in Indonesia, and travelled all around, often through jungles. He believed that as he obeyed what the Lord told him to do, the Lord would answer his prayers for whatever he needed.

One time he and his team were visiting a village. They thought they would only be there for one day, and so they didn't bring a change of clothes. Because it is so hot and dusty there, clothes get very sweaty and dirty and need to be washed after just one day.

Their plans changed, and instead of going home after one day, the travelling team needed to stay in this village for several days.

Their clothes were dirty, but there was no soap to wash them with, nor fresh sets of clothes to wear. They wanted to look and smell clean while talking with people they met. What could they do? This missionary team prayed and asked the Lord about it. Then, an amazing thing happened.

As they were praying, their clothes became clean! They went to talk with the people in the village, and everyone noticed how clean and neat they looked.

Their clothes stayed clean-looking by a miracle, all the days that they stayed there. That had never happened to people there before. They were amazed!

When the team returned later to their homes, their clothes once again became dirty after one day. In their homes they had a way to wash their clothes and change into clean ones.

The Lord did that miracle for them when there was no other way, and it was needed to help them tell others the good news of Jesus' love. "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18)

"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things."

(Joel 2:21)

